



News from **Councilmember Todd Gloria**

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

I started today by having breakfast with my friends from The Center at Snooze in Hillcrest as part of the sixth annual **Dining Out for Life** effort to raise funds for The Center's HIV/AIDS services and prevention programs. So make plans to eat out for dinner at one of the participating restaurants, bars, coffeehouses and nightclubs who will donate a minimum of 25% of sales to this critical cause. Check out the online guide for more information:
<http://www.thecentersd.org/events/2012-dofl-dining-guide.pdf>.

Pension Reform Forum

After you Dine Out for Life tonight, stop by the Joyce Beers Community Center at 7:30 p.m. and join me for a pension reform forum sponsored by Democrats for Equality. It's important to help inform San Diegans about the reforms we've achieved in recent years that are already yielding positive and lasting savings for taxpayers, and how best to continue this progress.

Let Us Hear Your Voice at City Budget Hearings

As Chair of the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee, I encourage you to participate in our budget hearings. Thanks to your ongoing involvement, focused reform efforts of the City Council, Mayor Sanders and public employees, and a rebounding economy, the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget is structurally balanced. Let City leaders know of your priorities and make sure every taxpayer dollar is spent efficiently delivering the services you most need. A full calendar of budget hearings for City departments can be found on the [Budget and Finance Committee's webpage](#).

Exciting Park News!

Tomorrow will be a great day for San Diego and a fun one for me. I will begin at the National Arbor Day Ceremony at Balboa Park's Spreckels Organ Pavilion where two trees will be planted. The two crape myrtles are the last of 16 total trees recently planted at the Organ Pavilion to replace unhealthy specimens. Schoolchildren will be part of the program as well, and each will leave with their own California live oak saplings to plant at home. The public is invited to join us for this special Arbor Day celebration

National Arbor Day Ceremony

Friday, April 27, 9:00 a.m.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park

Just as more trees help beautify our communities and improve our environment, adding park space improves our neighborhoods. Ground will be broken on improvements to District Three's newest park space at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at Roosevelt Middle School. Improvements for the joint use field are expected to take about one year to complete, meaning spring 2013 will be extra special.

Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use Field Groundbreaking
Friday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.
3366 Park Blvd.

Support our Environment

To continue making a difference in our community, I hope you will join me for Saturday's Creek to Bay Cleanup, sponsored by I Love A Clean San Diego. I will be helping out at Camelot Canyon near University Heights and Hillcrest at 9:00 a.m. While I'm there, I'll present a \$1,000 check of my office funds to I Love A Clean San Diego to support the organization's efforts. Six of my City Council colleagues also contributed \$1,000 each to help ensure our neighborhoods are free of trash and other hazards. To learn more and see the full list of cleanup sites, visit www.creektobay.org.

Creek to Bay Cleanup
Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.
Camelot Canyon
Cul-de-sac near the 4000 block of 8th Ave.

May is Bike Month in San Diego

On Tuesday, May 1, the City Council is scheduled to proclaim May as Bike Month in San Diego. Bicycling is not only fun, but it provides a healthy, environmentally-friendly transportation option. Work continues on improving our bicycle facilities so our rides are smoother and safer throughout the region. I met with staff from the San Diego Association of Governments last week, and they'll be working with District Three communities this summer on several local bike and pedestrian projects. Stay tuned!

District Three Continues to Focus on Youth

District Three is a true community focused on strengthening its neighbors. This commitment will be demonstrated at two events this Saturday, both of which I am participating in. I am thankful for this approach to improve the lives of local youth to ensure they lead productive, happy, and healthy lives.

Healthy Kids Day

This year's event is open to all community members and will feature healthy stations for kids and families showcasing physical, intellectual, and creative activities focused on healthy living. It will also include free food, giveaways, youth performances, fitness demonstrations, and hands on music in the Cyber Y.
Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
YMCA Youth and Family Services
2929 Meade Ave.

First Annual City Heights Youth Resource Fair

The purpose of the event is to connect youth in the City Heights area to valuable community resources, internships and employment opportunities. Young people ages 16-24 are encouraged to participate.
Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mid City Gymnasium
4302 Landis St.

I am remarkably appreciative that my own commitment to children and their well-rounded education has been recognized by the California Music Educators Association, who recently selected me as Legislator of the Year. This is a very humbling honor, and my efforts for expanded learning opportunities will continue.

Update on Harvey Milk Street and the Pride Flag

Two important projects in Hillcrest are headed to City Council for hearings soon, and I urge you provide your input. On May 8, we will consider honoring a civil rights leader by renaming Blaine Avenue as Harvey Milk Street. This seems to be an appropriate tribute to Milk's contributions, and I appreciate the Planning Commission's support of the change. We will also consider approving installation of a Pride flag in Hillcrest. I am impressed with this community-initiated proposal and look forward to a full public hearing with my colleagues. I will keep you updated when a hearing date has been set.

Coffee with your Councilmember

Join me for my next community coffee next Saturday at Lestat's on Park in University Heights! I love the opportunity to chat informally about issues of interest to you.

Coffee with your Councilmember
Saturday, May 5
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Lestat's on Park, 4496 Park Blvd.

As always, I welcome your feedback, questions and concerns on these and any other topic of interest. Please contact me at toddgloria@sandiego.gov, 619-236-6633, or via [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,



Todd

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